

# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

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**DATE:** February 7, 2020 PREPARED BY: Special Agent

**CASE** #: OI-DA-2014-CAC-0016 CROSS REFERENCE #: 2013-209

TITLE: A4 SCIENTIFIC

#### FINAL SUMMARY REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
A4 Scientific	(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	
	The Woodlands, Texas 77380	

## VIOLATION(S):

The potential violations are but not limited to 18 U.S.C. 1001 (False Statements); 18 USC 287 (False Claims); 18 U.S.C. 1341 Mail Fraud; and 18 U.S.C. 1343 (Wire Fraud).

### ALLEGATION:

On September 30, 2013, a complaint was initiated by former Special Agent (b) (6), (b) (7)(0) U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Office of Inspector General (OIG), Office of Investigations (OI), based upon information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) identified potential laboratory fraud resulting from inappropriate manual integrations.

On November 14, 2013, Hotline Complaint 2014-014 was initiated based upon information received from (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) advised inappropriate manual integrations were performed by an A4 Scientific (A4) lab analyst

#### FINDINGS:

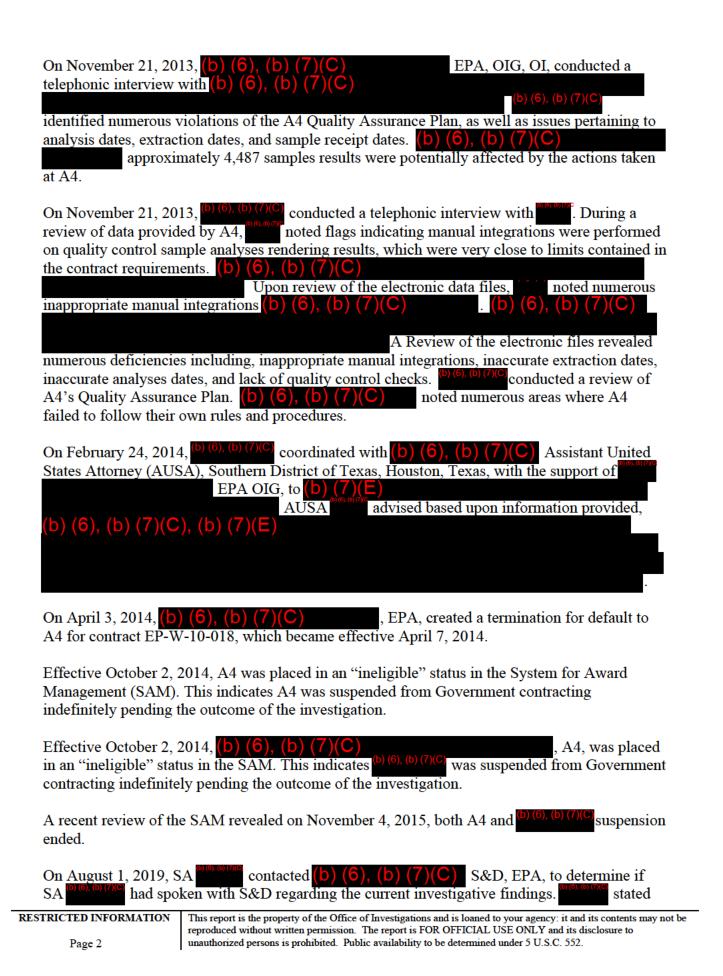
The CLP program is a direct contractual program with EPA for laboratories to provide data analyses on samples from various superfund sites.

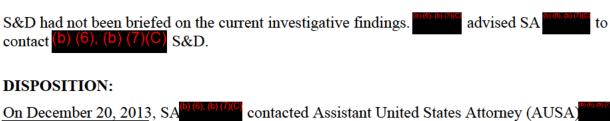
A review of the EPA financial systems determined for the calendar years 2008-2014, the total payments the EPA made to the A4 was \$7,098,301.58.

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Affirmative Civil Enforcement, Northern District of Texas, Fort Worth, Texas, and presented the findings to date with regard to fraudulent manipulation of laboratory calibration standards resulting in submission of false certifications and false claims to EPA.

[b] (5) (6) (7) (E)

(b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (5), (b) (7)(E)

On January 28, 2020, SA spoke with AUSA spoke with AUSA repayment from or A4. AUSA stated it does not appear (b) (6), (b) (7)(c) or A4 has the ability to make any payments to the EPA. Nor is (c) (6), (b) (7)(c) or A4 receiving EPA funds or currently in operation. AUSA

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# UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY OFFICE OF INSPECTOR GENERAL

1301 CONSTITUTION AVENUE NW WASHINGTON, DC 20004

**DATE:** December 9, 2019 **PREPARED BY:** SA (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

CASE #: OI-HQ-2018-ADM-0079 CROSS REFERENCE

TITLE (b) (6), (b) (7)(C) SES, (b) (6), (b) (7)(C)

#### CASE CLOSING REPORT

Subject(s)	Location	Other Data
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)	Washington, DC	
(b) (6), (b) (7)(C)		

**VIOLATIONS**: 5 U.S.C § 2302(b)(2) – Prohibited Personnel Practices

ALLEGATION: On March 8, 2018 and March 9, 2018 respectively, the Washington Field Office, Office of Investigation, Office of Inspector General, Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) received information from two anonymous sources concerning an allegation of prohibited personnel practices by EPA management. The sources reported (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D), interfered in the hiring process of a new law enforcement applicant (b) (6), (b) (7)(C), (b) (7)(D)

**DISPOSITION**: No further investigative action is warranted. This investigation is hereby closed.

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